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Dear Mr. Hedberg:

As per our conversation on February 8th, concerning Western States Minerals Corporation's latest surety release request, we concur with your proposal to release the original \$264,080 surety bond. We also concur with retaining the supplemental \$20,000 AMR funds until final resolution of the problem with the underground openings in the SWEX pit is reached.

Sincerely,

Rex Rowley
Field Manager

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